

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-5 (cancelled)

6. (New) An electrically-operated steering lock device comprising:
a lock bolt movable between a protruding position, at which a steering shaft is locked, and a retreat position, at which the steering shaft is unlocked;
a cam member rotatable by an electric motor so as to actuate said lock bolt, said cam member having a first engagement portion;
an electrically-driven rotation blocking mechanism for engaging said first engagement portion when said lock bolt is at said retreat position so as to block said cam member from rotating in a direction that would cause said lock bolt to move from said retreat position to said protruding position; and
a holding portion for holding said rotation blocking mechanism in a state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked.

7. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6, wherein said first engagement portion is in said cam member.

8. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 7, wherein said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

9. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 8, wherein said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and

said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second

engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

10. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 9, wherein said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

11. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 10, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

12. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 11, wherein said rotation blocking mechanism comprises a solenoid and an engagement member coupled to said solenoid.

13. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 12, wherein said first engagement portion comprises an end wall of a recess in said cam member, and said second engagement portion comprises a projection extending from said end wall of said recess,

such that

(i) said rotation blocking mechanism is for engaging said first engagement portion, when said lock bolt is at said retreat position, by having said engagement member engage said end wall, and

(ii) said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism, in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, by having said projection engage said engagement member.

14. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

15. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6, wherein said rotation blocking mechanism comprises a solenoid and an engagement member coupled to said solenoid.

16. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 15, wherein said first engagement portion comprises an end wall of a recess in said cam member, and said holding portion comprises a projection extending from said end wall of said recess, such that

(i) said rotation blocking mechanism is for engaging said first engagement portion, when said lock bolt is at said retreat position, by having said engagement member engage said end wall, and

(ii) said holding portion is for holding said rotation blocking mechanism, in a state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, by having said projection engage said engagement member.

17. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 15, wherein said first engagement portion is in said cam member.

18. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 17, wherein said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

19. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 18, wherein said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that

said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and

said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

20. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 19, wherein said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

21. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 20, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.

22. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 6, wherein said cam member is constructed and arranged to move said lock bolt to said protruding position when the electric motor is forwardly rotated, and to move said lock bolt to said retreat position when the electric motor is reversely rotated.

23. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 22, wherein said holding portion comprises a second engagement portion in said cam member, such that said second engagement portion is to hold said rotation blocking mechanism in the state in which rotation of said cam member is blocked, and

said cam member, said lock bolt and said rotation blocking mechanism are constructed and arranged such that when engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion is released upon reverse rotation of the electric motor, said lock bolt protrudes to said protruding position upon forward rotation of the electric motor.

24. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 23, wherein said cam member further has a cam portion that is shaped such that said lock bolt is not actuated at a time of release of engagement between said rotation blocking mechanism and said second engagement portion.

25. (New) The electrically-operated steering lock device according to claim 24, further comprising:

a lock bolt holding structure for holding said lock bolt at said retreat position.